

April 10, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT GRANTS AND
APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Accept various grants in the total amount of \$249,263 received in Fiscal Year 2002-2003, and approve appropriation adjustments authorizing the County Librarian: to act on the County's behalf regarding the completion of all documents relating to the project as may be required under the conditions of the grant programs, to expend the grants as necessary for the completion of the programs or projects, to hire 16 student professional workers for the 2003 Children's Summer Reading Program, and to meet the conditions of the grants.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The County Librarian is requesting that the Board accept two grants received during Fiscal Year 2002-03 that enhance Library services to the public, and to approve appropriation adjustments for the grants not previously included in the adopted budget. The grants include:

\$ 180,000 from the California State Library through the English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) program for the Paws to Read Family Literacy Program. The funds will be used for literacy aids, literacy materials, and staffing to implement the third year of this program. The Paws to Read Program is a collaboration between the Geddes Elementary School and the Kenmore Elementary School, as part of the Baldwin Park School District and the Baldwin Park Library.

This year the program is expanded to include new partnerships with Dickison Elementary School, Rosecrans Elementary School, and the Compton Library. (Appropriation adjustment is provided as Attachment I).

\$ 69,263 from the California State Library under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) block grant program for the Working with Kids @ Your Library Grant Program. These second year funds will be used for hiring and training student professional workers to assist library staff in conducting the 2003 Children's Summer Reading Program at the Rosemead, City Terrace, East Los Angeles, Walnut, Carson, Gardena Mayme Dear, Lawndale, San Fernando, Manhattan Beach, Norwalk, La Mirada, Paramount, Lancaster, Littlerock, San Dimas, and West Covina libraries. (Appropriation adjustment is provided as Attachment II).

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The grants will result in quality library service to the public, consistent with the County's strategic goals in the areas of service excellence and improved outcomes for children and families.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grants provide funding for additional services to the public, with no additional cost to the County. Acceptance of these one-time grants does not commit the County to provide on-going services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County policy requires that grants be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. A Grant Management Statement is included for the ELLI Grant, as required, because the grant amount exceeds \$100,000 (Attachment III).

The funds will maintain services in the designated literacy and homework operations and will allow for the continued collaboration with the Baldwin Park School District in targeting the student population for the improvement of English language literacy skills. The funding allows for a new partnership with Dickison

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Elementary and Rosecrans Elementary Schools in the city of Compton. It will also enable the County Library to expand its literacy program through the development of an enhanced Literacy Center to provide expanded literacy services. The funds will improve service in existing operations by providing trained student professional workers to support the implementation of the County Library's annual Summer Reading Program for children. The program will also assist the Library in its recruiting efforts by providing college students with mentors who will encourage them to consider library service to children as a viable career alternative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

c: Auditor-Controller
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors